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THE START OF PORTERVILLE

By W. B. SCHORTMAN
(Continued from last week)

PORTERVILLE'S MAIN STREET AS IT WAS IN 1908

I invite you to come with me on a tour of Main Street and Morton Street. We will start at the south end of Main Street and Olive. Looking east, we see the office of Dr. O.C. Higgins at "C" Street. Turning to the south, we have a one-wagon width alley lined with power poles, wood sheds, chicken coops and outhouses. On the west side next to the alley, stands a brick building used as a feed store by Mr. Rigby. As we look west on Olive Street, we see the Southern Pacific Railroad Depot. On the west side of the tracks, orange packinghouses can be seen on both sides of Olive Street between "D" and "E" Streets. Beyond there, are several homes with umbrella trees along the street walks.

Looking north on Main Street, we can see the roadway with wheel tracks cut in the soft earth by wagons during the rainy season. Eight blocks away, we see the Morton Street Grammar School on the north end of Main Street. Brick buildings on both sides of the street, and some horses and buggies in front of the stores. One block away is the bridge over the slough. This bridge is about one-half the width of the roadway. This slough often gets out of control from where it leaves the Tule River, and often overflows in the rainy season.

As we tour Main Street on the east side, our first building is the Arlington Hotel on the south corner. This brick building was one of the first large buildings here. In the first store, we have Scpangh and Roach Used Furniture. In the north part, there is a grocery store, and upstairs, Mrs. E. Hunt has the hotel.

As we proceed north, we come to the Hardaway Clothes Cleaners, a small wood structure on the south side of the slough. To cross the slough bridge, we walk up a wood ramp and cross to the Arlington Livery Stable where you can rent a horse and buggy all day for \$2.00. Next door is a small wood building occupied by Toy Hop and his Chinese Laundry. Toy dresses in his native costume, has his queue or pigtail of braided hair, and is the only one in town who can iron the stiff collars and bosom shirts.

On the north corner at Garden Street, we have the wood building known as the Moore Opera House. Still, black and white movies are shown here at night; road shows, minstrels and dances are also held here, as well as the high school graduation exercises. Mr. Moore is the photographer and is assisted by Escol Hammond.

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'Tis The Season...



COMBINED CHRISTMAS Concert for Porterville and Monache high schools is set for Thursday, December 16 at 8:00 p.m. in the Memorial Auditorium. Directors Dave Rasmussen, left, and Larry Brumley go over last minute details of the concert, which will include 300 voices singing Christmas music from around the world. Tickets will be on sale at the box office at \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for students.



PORTERVILLE COLLEGE'S Mexican Performing Arts class will present an evening of Mexican dancing Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. in CA-4 at the college, with the dance concert following the theme "Christmas in Mexico." Taking part in the performance will be (back row, from the left) Rebecca Flemate, Henry Lopez, Angela Delgado, Dan Hogan, Linda Camarena, Alex Hogan and Maria Deleon; (center row, from the left) Victoria Flores, Rosario Rios, Juanita Saludado and Margaret Rodriguez; and (front row, from the left) Sandra Lopez, Esmeralda Guillen and Laura Fernandez. There is no charge for the concert.

Hughes' Corn Brings \$794 For Fair

PORTERVILLE — "Operation Corn Salvage," started the latter part of October by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hughes, of Porterville, ended this week with presentation of a check for \$794.00 to directors of the Porterville fair.

Hughes and his wife set up the project by donating corn that had been knocked down by late-September wind and rain in a field they were farming northwest of Porterville, then enlisted help from members of Future Farmer chapters and 4-H clubs in the area, with all

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CORN POURS into storage bins at the Porterville branch of Topper Feed Mills as the final step in "Operation Corn Salvage" on the Marvin Hughes ranch northwest of Porterville. At left is Hughes; at right, Emil Simonic, secretary-treasurer of Topper Mills. The project brought a check for \$794.00 to directors of the Porterville fair who are shown below accepting the check from Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hughes who were responsible for planning and organizing "Operation Corn Salvage" as a benefit for the Porterville fair. From left: Fair Directors Bill Hebel, Doug Webb and Treasurer John Trimmell; Mr. and Mrs. Hughes; and Directors Dewayne Milford and Vice President Joe Faure; in front, Doug and Susan Hughes. Hebel and Milford are new directors of the fair. (Farm Tribune photos)

GAUGER HEADS PIONEER WATER CO., CORNELL, BESSEY NEW DIRECTORS

PORTERVILLE — Robert Gauger was reelected president of the Pioneer Water company board of directors and E.B. Cornell and Ronald Bessey were elected as new directors at

annual stockholders' meeting held December 6 in the Porterville city hall.

Reelected as vice president of the board was R.J. Owen; reelected as a director was H.A. Luallen; Cornell was named board treasurer to succeed R.E. Hawkins, who, with John Bulk, retired from the board.

Under a by-laws change, directors will now serve staggered three-year terms, with those terms established initially by lot: Cornell and Bessey, one year; Luallen and Owen, two years; and Gauger, three years. Irma McArdle is board secretary; Jerry Hilton is water superintendent.

Serving on a nominating committee were Guido Lombardi and Don Farmer; on a proxy committee were Guthrie Swartz and Fred Zimmerman.

Don Monk, engineer with R.L. Schafer & Associates, reported on company operation for the 1976 year, covering amounts of water used, evaporation losses and progress of a supplemental loan of

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A Former Fruit Tramp Speaks His Mind

Statement Presented To The Porterville City Council Tuesday, December 7, 1976

Mayor Smith, members of the council, my name is George Choate. I am a pharmacist. I beg your indulgence with the statement I must now make. Tonight you are hearing from an un-concerned citizen - I always wanted to be president of something, so tonight I am appointing myself president and spokesman for the un-concerned citizens of Porterville. The reason we can be un-concerned citizens is because we know that when problems arise in our community, we have elected competent people who will act in a constructive manner on our behalf. This is the way it has been, and this is the way it WILL be.

I am here tonight because my conscience dictates that I MUST be. We know that a democratic community cannot function without the involvement of an enlightened and active

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Farm Equipment Show In Tulare Will Be Largest Event Of Its Kind In America

TULARE — Three months before show time, the 10th Annual California Farm Equipment show has more than 655 companies signed up for the huge exposition in Tulare.

"That's over 100 more exhibitors than we had signed up at this time last year," comments 1977 show chairman, Bob Wilbur, "and 55 more than our 1976 total, which makes this the largest agricultural equipment show in America."

Exhibitors will occupy 992 spaces, over 200 more than last year, Wilbur added. The show is being held from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., February 8-10, 1977 in Tulare, California.

This year, emphasis has been

added to the international flavor of the show. An international agricultural seminar will be held in conjunction with the show on February 4, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Veterans Memorial building, Tulare. The seminar will provide California growers with in-depth information on how they can participate in trade internationally.

It will feature a panel of international experts on four specific topics surrounding international trade including: the international sale of agricultural-related manufactured products; the international sale of agricultural commodities grown in the United States; the sale and

distribution in the United States of products manufactured in other countries; and the transfer

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NO DECISION

After a five-hour, closed-door meeting Tuesday night to consider testimony presented in recent hearing involving the firing of ex-Police Chief John Start, Porterville city councilmen did not announce a decision on whether or not they would sustain the firing or reinstate Start. Previously, Mayor Earl Smith said that a decision will be announced no later than December 18.

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\$530,000 to cover cost of completion of a pipeline system in the service area of the company. Following is Monk's complete report:

Pioneer Water company has survived one of the driest irrigation seasons in recent years. This past season is the first time on record that Pioneer has sold more than 3,000 acre-feet of water to its stockholders.

The water entitlement from Success reservoir for the 12 month period beginning November 1, 1975 and ending October 31, 1976 was 6,217 acre-feet; 222 acre-feet of this amount was lost to evaporation from the lake, thus the net entitlement was 5,995 acre-feet.

Total headgate diversions during this same time period was 4,647 acre-feet of water. Of the 4,647 acre-feet of water diverted from the reservoir, 3,067 acre-feet were delivered to Pioneer shareholders. As of December 1, 1976, Pioneer Water company has 1,345 acre-feet in storage at Success reservoir.

It should be noted that in the

early part of September, the net amount of water available was approximately 630 acre-feet. The untimely rainfall in September probably kept Pioneer from exhausting its water supply.

The loss of water during the past year amounted to 34% of the water diverted through the headgate. We reached peak efficiency during the month of June with the loss of water amounting to only 23%.

The average loss of water due to evaporation, leakage, percolation of water into the subsurface soils and inefficient delivery methods during the 5-year period ending in 1975 amounted to 54% of the water diverted through the headgate.

Since the completion of the pipeline from the Success dam to Henderson avenue, the water losses have been reduced from 54% to 34% of the headgate diversions. We expect that completion of the pipeline to the north end of the system will reduce water loss to less than 15% of the water diverted.

The major construction finished in the Spring of 1975 essentially completed the

replacement of the open ditch by a concrete pipeline from the dam at Success reservoir to Henderson avenue.

Subsequent work included some repairs made on the new pipe by the contractor during the winter of 1975-76. Some additional vents and access manholes were constructed at the time these repairs were made.

The Pioneer board of directors accepted both the Main Branch contract and the Patterson Ranch contract on June 7, 1976. The pipeline is now under a 3-year warranty period.

It was reported at last annual meeting that there was legislation pending in Congress to grant additional funds under existing loan contracts due to escalation of construction costs because of inflation. This legislation was passed by Congress and approved by the President on December 27, 1975.

A supplemental loan application report has been prepared and a preliminary draft was reviewed by the Bureau of Reclamation last August. Final draft of the application report will be submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation this month.

Additional loan funds in the amount of \$530,000 are being requested to complete the pipeline system from Henderson avenue to the north end at Avenue 184.

The new construction involves the installation of 7,000 feet of 36" pipe, 7,400 feet of 30" pipe, and 4,700 feet of 24" pipe along with related delivery structures.

Completion of the system should give the shareholders on the North end the same quantity and quality of water that the rest of the shareholders now receive.



DIANA GILL, vice president of the Porterville College Associated students (left), and Arlina Gillett, community developer for Project C.A.L.L. at PC, display one of the containers being used for PC's Christmas Food Basket project. The college hopes to collect enough food items, toys and cash to brighten the holidays for several needy families in the area. Last year, the college aided 13 families in Porterville. Persons wishing to donate items for the drive should contact Project C.A.L.L. at the college.

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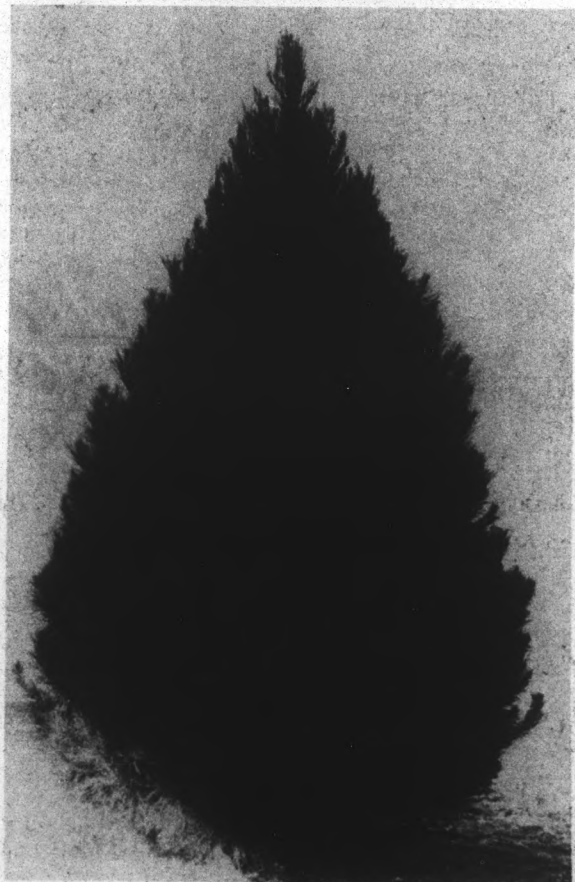
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ANOTHER USE for Porterville fair facilities - ski instruction - with more than 100 persons of all ages attending a program Monday night sponsored by the Porterville City Parks and

Recreation department. Basic fundamentals of skiing were explained and "dry land" instruction was given, with equipment and a motion picture provided by Bryan Sword, of Ski

Sports West, Visalia. Heading a group of instructors was Karen Calahan, from Wolverton in Sequoia National park.

(Farm Tribune photos)

RECORD CROP OF NAVEL ORANGES SEEN IN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA

SHERMAN OAKS — The California-Arizona citrus industry's Navel Orange Administrative committee (NOAC) has predicted another record Navel crop for 1976-77, according to John M. Van Horn, vice-president of field services for Sunkist Growers, Inc.

"All reports from Sunkist's field department indicate that fruit quality in all growing areas is outstanding this year, with maturity substantially ahead of last season," Van Horn said. "The overall exterior appearance is excellent, and internal characteristics indicate a full-flavored orange with heavy juice content."

The NOAC's preliminary estimate puts the total quantity of Navels on-tree in the two states at 60.9 million cartons. Barring a severe frost or freeze, about 75 per cent of the total tree crop will be marketed as fresh fruit, Van Horn said, with the rest being processed into citrus products.

EDISON TAX BILL IS \$2.8 MILLION IN TULARE COUNTY

VISALIA — The first installment of a \$2.8 million Tulare county property tax bill was paid December 10 by Southern California Edison company. R.B. Hatfield, Edison district manager, said the payment to Tulare County is part of a total of \$95.2 million in 1976-77 ad valorem taxes being paid to 18 California counties. First tax installment to Tulare county totaled \$1,415,851; the final tax payment will be made in April.

BRUCE CARTER SPEAKS AT BURTON MEET

BURTON — Special guest of Burton 4-H at the last meeting was Bruce Carter who told the club of his experiences on his recent IFYE trip to Poland, which is a youth exchange program for older 4-H members. While in Poland he worked on a government farm.

Carter said that the Polish were a very proud people who don't like change. Most of the farms still use horses instead of tractors. He encouraged members to look into this program as he thought it a very worthwhile program.

Jr. Leader Retreat reports were given by members attending: Joel Church, Dale Webb, Christine Webb, Dana Maples & Jeff Valine. Jr. Leader Retreat was held at Bob Mathias camp.

Reports were also given on 4-H Sunday held November 14 at St. Anne's church at the 8:30 Mass by Doug Huesdens. Sidney Wheeler reported on the Veterans Day float, and Melissa Webb on roadside clean-up, November 20, as a community pride project.

Attending the citizenship shortcourse in Washington D.C. in June from Burton 4-H will be Karen Webb along with six other Tulare County 4-H'ers. Accompanying the girls will be Mrs. Betty Webb, Burton Community leader.

The 1976-77 Tangerine crop in California remains at 1.45 million boxes, seven per cent above last year's crop.



OTTER PELT is examined by Porterville College Natural Resources Professor Sam Baker, who says the pelt was recently given to PC by the California Department of Fish and Game. Students in PC's natural resources courses will use the pelt to identify characteristics of the animal; donation of this pelt brings to 15 the number of pelts in the natural resources department. Other pelts used in classes include weasel, bobcat, fox, badger, mink, possum, mountain lion, black bear, coyote, rabbit, squirrel, beaver, raccoon and muskrat skins.

The city of Needles, established in 1826 as a steamboat landing on the Colorado river, is the oldest city in the Mojave desert.

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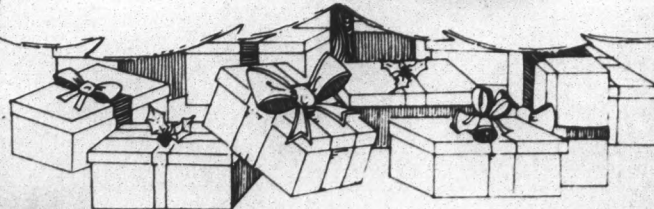


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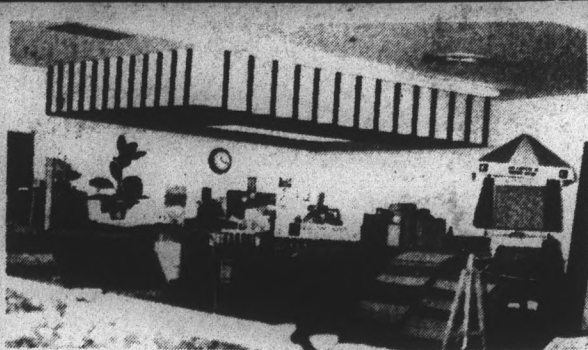
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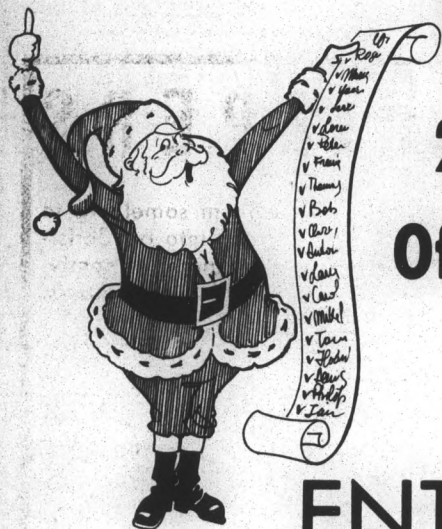
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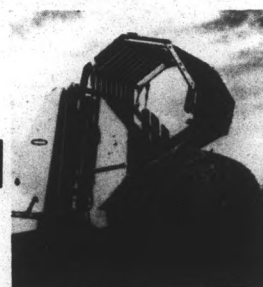
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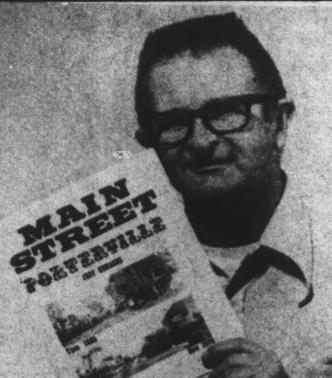
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Illustrated songs are sung by Bert Stewart. Organ music plays to follow the mood of the picture, and the actors' words are printed on the films as they are shown. This place will long be remembered for the pleasure had here.

As we cross Garden Street, we can see the new water tank on Fourth Street. This tank was put up in 1904 to replace the old wood tanks above the Leslie Flour Mill on Putnam.

Between Garden and Oak Streets, there is one building of brick where Mr. L.E. Jones has his harness shop. He also sells carts, buggies, horsewhips, and blankets.

While crossing Oak Street and looking east, we see the Baker Blacksmith Shop at Third Street and Mrs. McKinney's home, both on the south side of Oak Street. Up to here, we have had dirt and wood sidewalks. For the next three blocks, we will have cement walks and granite curb stones. Most of the stores will have iron or wood awnings over the sidewalk and canvas drops with the stores' name on them. These are for protection from the hot sun in summer and rain in winter. Two firms are busy in the city now putting in cement walks - N.M. Ball and the Boomer Bros.

On the southeast corner from Oak Street, we have the Larson Building with the Meighan Sisters, the Palace Hotel upstairs, and N.H. Leggett's, with men's and ladies dry goods below. In the ladies window, we see displayed for summer wear a manikin with a long dress of silk and a picture hat of yellow straw, trimmed with flowers and a wide silk band to match; also corsets, silk stockings and blouses. In the men's window, we have a blue serge suit, derby hats, suspenders, knee-length pants for boys, caps and long stockings.

Next door, is the H. Babcock Racket Store, a sort of 5 and 10¢ store with small articles used in the home. The Rockdale Grocery is next door. Charles Farnsworth is the manager of the local stock company store. They get crackers, sugar and flour in barrels, other goods in wood boxes, bananas by the large bunch, coffee beans in large cloth sacks, and cheese by the large wheel. All stores and some homes grind their own coffee. Gus Leslie is bookkeeper here.

Now we come to Jag Smith's Jewelry Store. Jag sells the large gold and silver pocket watches and chains; also ladies pin-on watches, with long chains. He also does repairing on all kinds of jewelry.

The saloon next door is owned by John Gearhart and John Nunes. Beer sells for 5¢ a glass and on occasion, they serve free lunches.

Next we have the Wulff Butcher Shop. Butchers do their own slaughtering and work long hours. There are large hooks where halves of beef, lamb and pork hang in the open in cold weather, and in the cold box, cooled by ice, in summer. Meat is cut as you order it. The shop has sawdust on its floors.

Now we see Louis Osuna and his Drug Store. On the sidewalk, he has a bicycle rack with his store's name on it. Louis fills prescriptions, and his shelves are stocked with patented medicines such as Lydia Pinkham's Remedy, Smith Brothers Cough Drops, and back plasters. All bottled medicine labels read, "shake well before using." He also has the Edison Phonograph agency with the morning glory horn.

On the corner, we see the Boatman and Son Grocery Store. Charles, the son, is busy filling orders. Elvira Jones is their bookkeeper and helps in the store. The familiar string to tie up packages is hanging over the counter. On the shelves, we see Quaker Oats, Vienna Sausages in small cans, Log Cabin Maple Syrup in cans, unwrapped butter, white margarine, sulphur matches, and coal oil for lamps and to start wood fires. Most goods are wrapped in brown paper and very few sacks are used.

Upstairs in this Baker block is the office of J.F. Boller, Attorney, who is also the agent for the Mt. Whitney Power Company and collector of power bills. Also upstairs and next door to Boller's office is the office of Dr. Lackey, Dentist. All the buildings in this block are built of brick.

As we cross Mill and Fourth Streets and look east, we see the Congregational Church. Rev. John Milligan is the minister in charge. At the southeast corner, we see Porter Putnam's home. It was moved here from Main Street. Mill Street School is across the street on the north side. The Baptist Church, a wood building, is at Second Street on the northeast corner. On the east side is an alley behind Boatmans, and across Mill Street on the north side are two wooden buildings used by the J.H. Williams Co. as an office and warehouse. Bill Young is manager and Jack Newberry is bookkeeper for this firm. Mr. Williams has done much to help Porterville grow.

Crossing Mill Street, we have the First National Bank, a Porterville owned bank with H.C. Carr as manager, Fred Velie as cashier, and other employees are George Williamson, Allen Bayse and Louise Sprott. Upstairs are the offices of Dr. Breen, Dentist; W.A. Sears Real Estate; and George Murray, Attorney.

North of the bank building are three cement block buildings. The Abbott Building is a two-story with living quarters upstairs; below, Milo Ough has a notions store; and next door is John Moomaw's Jewelry Store. John sells and repairs jewelry, and has a stock of silverware.

On the northeast corner, we have the Pioneer Bank. This bank was the first Porterville bank and was started in 1889 when the Pioneer Hotel was built. R. Bradley is manager and Frank Wright is cashier.

As we cross Putnam Street and look to the east, we can see in the distance the entrance to the J.H. Williams Orange Grove; the roadway is lined with palm trees. This show place was written up in Sunset Magazine in 1904, with a picture of the home. It was distributed by Southern Pacific Railroad to advertise California. (No doubt, many eastern people came to California because of the article). This place is some distance from Main Street.

Closer in on the south side of Putnam is the Leslie Flour Mill, where locally grown wheat is ground. This mill is now operated by A. Leslie and his son, Allen.

Closer in is the Methodist Church on the right at Fourth Street; the Templeton Carpenter Shop is also on the right at Third Street; and across to the north is the Evangelical Church. West of this church on the northeast corner, we have the Walker and Campbell Blacksmith Shop. They shoe horses and repair wagons. Across the street and west of this shop is Dr. Henrahan's home. West of Henrahan's is the Lord Machine Shop, a sheet iron building and Porterville's first machine shop. Mr. Lord uses hand and foot power tools. He owns the only motorcycle here. It has a two-cycle, single cylinder engine with flat belt drive.

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AMERICAN INDIAN Club members, from left: Sid Rubio, Gayline McDarment, Eleanor Anderson, Ambrose Manuel, and Lee Rodriguez assist Porterville High Student council president and vice president Joe Brown and David Deuysen decorate PHS's Christmas tree in the school cafeteria. Donation of the tree from the Tule Indian Reservation has become an annual event at PHS, as a service of the club. When students go on vacation December 17, PHS custodian Freddie Valero will select a Porterville family to be recipient of the tree for the remainder of the holiday season. Indian club advisors are Dr. Richard Chamberlain and Chris Alvarado.



PVT KACY R. Fallert recently completed Marine Corps Recruit training at San Diego and will be assigned to Linguist Training at Camp Del Mar after a 20-day leave. PVT Fallert, a student at Citrus High school before enlisting in the Marine Corps, is the son of Donald Fallert and the grandson of Mrs. Leone Zeddies, of Porterville.

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FARM FRONT

VISALIA — Farm crops are continuing to move in Tulare county according to report for the week ending December 11 from Agricultural Commissioner Clyde R. Churchill.

Milo harvest is continuing. Barley and wheat is being planted. Grain that is up is growing slowly because of the cool weather.

Some cotton is still being harvested. Growers are shredding and discing harvested fields. Sheep are being put to graze in some alfalfa fields.

Pruning of vines and deciduous fruit in progress. Movement of grapes out of storage is active. Many are going to export.

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**COTTON CROP UP
32 PER CENT**

SACRAMENTO — California's 1976 cotton crop was forecast on December 1 at 2,580,000 bales, up 32 per cent compared to 1975. Picking is moving rapidly and southern San Joaquin valley fields are being disced for pink bollworm control.

**CERTIFIED MUFFLER STATIONS
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SACRAMENTO — Applications now are being accepted by the California Highway Patrol from firms seeking licenses as certified muffler installation stations. Prospective licensees may obtain

applications through the CHP Accounting Section, Box 898, Sacramento, CA 95804.

The CHP is licensing stations in preparation for the January 1, 1977 effective date of new passenger vehicle noise control regulations. Licensed stations will clear enforcement documents and issue certificates of compliance to drivers cited or warned for noisy mufflers or exhaust systems.

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KEVIN NAY, a senior at Porterville High school, center, is presented a Texas Instruments calculator by Dr. Norman Shinkle, professor of mathematics at Porterville college, after Nay placed first in PC's first annual mathematics contest. Witnessing the presentation is John McGuire, Nay's math teacher at Porterville High. More than 75 high school mathematicians from five area schools participated in the contest held December 11.



When agriculture can make a profit it's good for everybody

You are looking at a banker at work. Doing a very important part of his job: getting up-to-the-minute information about yours.

This particular banker is in charge of all Bank of America offices in the San Joaquin Valley. And he is very much interested in agriculture. All phases of agriculture.

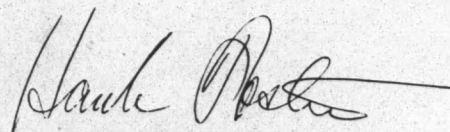
In the pictures above, his concern is water. The availability of water. The competition for water. The rising costs of water. And he is getting the facts first-hand about field tests the University of California is conducting on relative cost/yield efficiencies of flood, furrow, drip and sprinkler irrigation.

Agriculture's constant search for ever greater efficiency almost always translates into lower prices for the consumer. But the same efficiencies usually necessitate higher investments for the individual grower as well as for the whole back-up system that

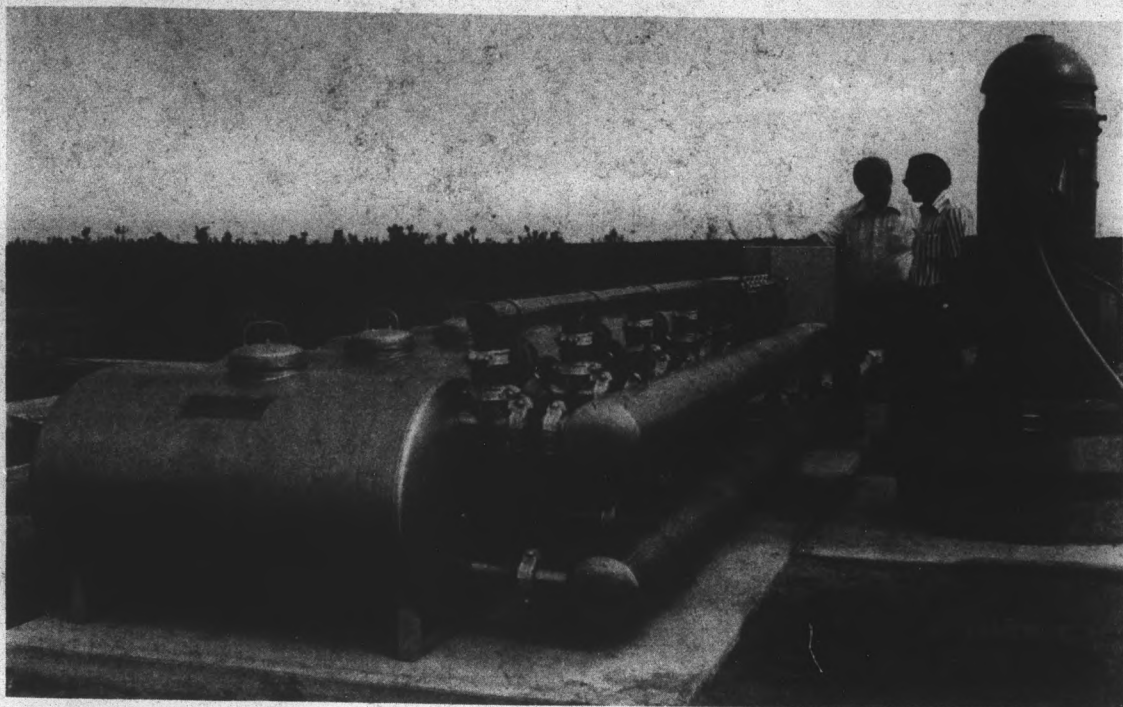
supplies the grower. Including, of course, higher financial commitments for the banker who finances a major share of California's total agribusiness complex.

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Vice President & Manager
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new stainless steel high flow sandscreen filter, a system that may be fully automated for unattended operation, even at remote sites by using a unique solar power system. Numerous systems have been on line for over a year, particularly in Hawaii, California, Arizona and

Florida. The pictured unit is located at Lakin Farms, Yuma, Arizona, where it is functioning "maintenance free" on a particularly difficult canal water. This design represents the latest advanced technology of the G.T. Woods Co., manufacturers of filtration equipment since 1963.

Hughe's Corn . . .

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proceeds to go to the Porterville fair.

About eight tons of corn was harvested and sold to the Porterville branch of Topper Feed Mills, with Emil Simonic, secretary-treasurer of Topper Mills, handling the purchase.

More than 100 volunteers spent two weekends working in the Hughes' field. Future Farmer chapters participating were: Lindsay, Strathmore and Monache; 4-H clubs included: Prairie Center, Vandalia, Success Valley, Burton, Pleasant View, Plano, Rockford, Ducor, and Golden Hills.

David and Harold Sharp donated use of a corn harvester, and Dick Imbach, owner of Ag-Trans, delivered the corn to the mill. All equipment and work was donated.

"Fair directors are most appreciative of the effort by Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, also the work of all the other persons involved in the project," said Bill Rodgers, president of the Porterville Fair board. "It is this kind of support that makes it possible to build facilities and to hold an annual fair at Porterville."

The 1976-77 California Navel orange forecast has been increased to 29 million boxes, 2.4 per cent above last year's crop.



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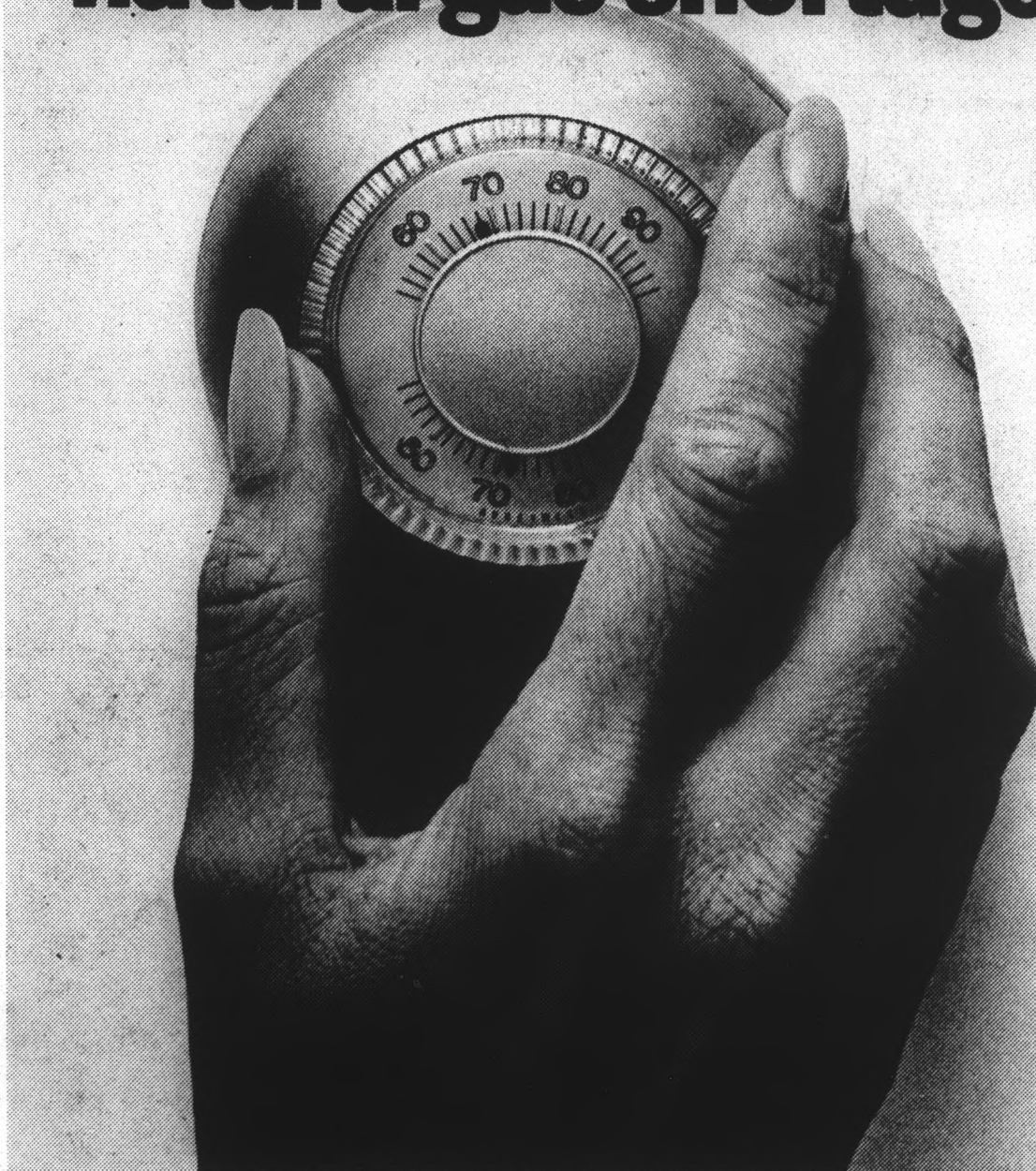
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TRAVIS AFB — High school seniors graduating in June can volunteer for guaranteed training in the U.S. Air Force now, and report to regular Air Force active duty in June or July, according to Air Force recruiting officials.

MORE WHEAT IS IRRIGATED

SACRAMENTO — Production of all wheat in California at 59,720,000 bushels is four per cent below last year, however average yields per harvested acre stayed high since a greater percentage of the crop was irrigated than ever before.

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AT RECENT annual awards banquet of the Porterville Horsemen's association: At left, new president of the association, Dorman Collier, is congratulated by outgoing president, Wenston Alexander. In group photo, award winners for the past club year, from left, seated: David York, Sandy Collier, Pam Collier, and Cathy Paul; standing - Shelly Burchell, Cathy Buranen, Rocky Day, Vicky Bodley, Suzanne Bledsoe, Judi Singer, Edward Bodley, Teresa Alexander, and Deann Day.

(Hammond Studio photos)

AWARDS ARE PRESENTED AT ANNUAL HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION BANQUET

PORTERVILLE — At the Porterville Horseman's association's recent annual Awards banquet, at Monache Campus Center, 63 people enjoyed a barbecued beef dinner.

Outgoing president, Wenston Alexander, welcomed members and guests, then introduced the president for 1977, Dorman Collier, who presented his board of directors: Secretary Judi Singer; arena secretary, Mabel Williams; arena director, Tom Bodley; arena announcer, Bruce Dierkes; trail bosses, Bud and Sylvia Brookins; and scribe, Darla Alexander.

Highlight of the evening was the presentation of silver buckles to the 1st place winners and trophies to 2nd through 5th

place in each class. To earn these awards members participate in 15 rides during the year.

The winners, listed first through fifth, were Small Fry class, 10 yrs. and under: David York, Vicky Bodley & Shelly Burchell, Edward Bodley, Deanna Day, and Cathy Buranen.

Junior class - 11 yrs. to 14 yrs.: Sandy Collier, Rocky Day, Finis Routh, Cindy Post, and Suzanne Bledsoe.

Senior Class - 15 yrs. to 19 yrs.: Pam Collier, Teresa Alexander, Tom Sims, Mike Sims, and Cathy Williams.

Adult class - 20 yrs. and over: Cathy Paul, Judi Singer, Shelly Burleson and Don Rose, Helen Hendry, and Betty Day.

LYLE W. MARTIN ON WATER BOARD

KINGSBURG — Lyle W. Martin of Kingsburg, prominent rancher and water authority, has been named a director of the California Water Resources association, representing the Fresno region of the San Joaquin valley. His voting alternate will be Robert E.

Leake, Jr., Kings River watermaster. The California Water Resources association is a non-profit, non-partisan statewide citizens association dedicated to the balanced development of water resources of California and the West.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLASS IS OFFERED AT SEQUOIA DAWN

SPRINGVILLE — "Active Retirement," a senior citizen class conducted by Porterville Adult school at the Porterville Senior Center, is being duplicated at Springville on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 p.m.

The class, which features guest speakers and instructional films as well as other activities, will be conducted in the Martin Memorial school on the grounds of Sequoia Dawn, the County Housing Authority retirement facility, formerly the Springville Hospital.

The class is open to any adult in the community, whether or not a resident of Sequoia Dawn. There is no charge. Mrs. Norma Spydell will be the teacher/coordinator of the class.

All interested senior citizens can enroll at any class session.

GARY GRAYSON AT CHANUTE AFB

SAN ANTONIO — Airman Gary S. Grayson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Grayson of Porterville, has been assigned to Chanutte AFB, Ill., after completing Air Force training. He will now receive specialized training in the fire protection field. Airman Grayson is a 1975 graduate of Monache High school and attended Porterville college.

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SHERMAN OAKS — Sunkist Growers, Inc. is promoting Navel oranges as Christmas "gifts of sunshine" in a special advertisement scheduled in some 37 major newspapers in 11 eastern and midwestern market areas during the weeks of Dec. 5, Dec. 12, and Dec. 19.

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COUNTY OF TULARE
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Estate of
SAMUEL GARNER RODGERS,
also known as, S.G. RODGERS,
Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law office of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 E. Mill Avenue, Porterville, California which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated November 9, 1976.
MINNIE RODGERS KANAWYER
Administrator of the Estate of the above named decedent
Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk
Attorneys at Law
141 E. Mill Ave.
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(209) 784-5064
Attorneys for Administrator
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as:
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This business is conducted by General Partnership.

Signed H. L. Smith.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Tulare County on November 12, 1976.

CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.

JAY C. BAYLESS, County Clerk
By Yolanda I. Rodriguez, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as:
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2. **JAMES C. REYNOLDS**
7509 Quartz Ave.
Canoga Park, CA.
3. **MARY H. MARKGREN**
17025 Stare Street
Northridge, CA. 91325.

This business is conducted by a limited partnership.

Signed James C. Reynolds,
Mary H. Markgren,
Robert T. Markgren.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Tulare County on December 1, 1976.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.

JAY C. BAYLESS, County Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as:
GENE CHESNEY REALTY
at 23 North Villa, Porterville, California 93257.

EVERETTE HOWARD NEAL
408 Ruma Rancho
Porterville, California 93257
This business is conducted by an individual.

Signed Everett Howard Neal.
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Tulare County on December 13, 1976.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the original on file in my office.

JAY C. BAYLESS, County Clerk
By Gloria Couchman, Deputy
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF THE TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT.

In the Matter of the Twenty-Third Annual Assessment of the TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT has, pursuant to Section 36552 of the Water Code of the State of California, filed an estimate of the sum required by the District to discharge all of its obligations, (1) which were then unpaid, and (2) which will materialize during the next year, and (3) which probably will be incurred and mature during the next year, and that Tuesday, January 4, 1977 at the hour of 9:00 o'clock A.M. in the forenoon in the chambers of the Board of Supervisors in the Tulare County Courthouse in the City of Visalia, State of California, has been fixed as the time and place when and where the Board of Supervisors of Tulare County will meet as a Board of Equalization and hear all objections presented to it regarding the correctness of any assessment of the TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT and all testimony relevant to such objections and continue in session from day to day until all objections and relevant evidence have been heard and acted upon, and that the assessment book of the said District is on file with the Clerk of said Board of Supervisors and may be inspected by the public at the office of the Clerk of said Board in said Courthouse at Visalia, California, at any time during business hours until the completion of the hearing.

Dated this 7th day of December, 1976.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
JAY C. BAYLESS, COUNTY CLERK and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
By Carol Santos
Deputy Clerk
d16,23

OUR TOWN

By Ruth Loyd

I know now why I have been overlooked when the wheels in Visalia have been sending invitations to be on a jury. I'm a lousy judge of character. I went down kicking and screaming. I was sure the young man was innocent. I listened carefully to all the testimony. I weighed the pros and cons and tried to be very fair. I was sure the rest of the jury were voting against the defendant because he was Mexican, had long hair and was very sullen. Oh boy, was I wrong. I finally changed my vote, and voted guilty. I hated to walk back into that jury box, and face the eyes of the young man. After it was all over, one of the officials came up to us and thanked us for our verdict, and told us they had been trying to get evidence on this young man for two years, and no one had had the guts to come forward and testify against him before, and he was glad we were so intelligent to understand the evidence. The rest of the jury looked at me and didn't say a word. I was glad.

Being on a jury is very interesting and educational. When they had to take the jury to lunch, we went in a kind of sheriff's bus thing that they use to transport prisoners to and fro. It is like a big dirty cage, and the driver thought he was a member of the demolition derby. We roared around town, up alleys and finally ended up at the back door of a Mexican restaurant. We heard that another jury had been treated to lunch at the Depot, which didn't set too well. On the way to the restaurant an officer followed us, and in the Black Maria was another officer and a matron. The matron was supposed to follow the women into the rest room if the need arose. Whenever the jury was given a recess, we were told just when to be back in our seats. We were always on time, but no one else was. A lot of time was wasted, but I guess I just don't know what was going on behind all those closed doors.

We, on the jury, really got to know each other quite well. I can imagine how cozy it would be on a big case like the Hearst case where they were locked up with testimony for weeks. Everyone on the jury seemed to be really sincere in their effort to come to a just verdict. It was so interesting to me to notice how patiently they all tried to encourage me to listen to the evidence again until I was sure of my vote. No one tried to railroad me toward their thinking. I'm afraid they thought I was a queer old lady, and a sob sister. I'll admit to one of those.

We have friends who have twin boys, about two years old. The smart young father hung the Christmas tree from the ceiling, where it turns and looks beautiful just out of the reach of four eager little hands, but low enough to play under with a fancy train.

If you have family coming for Christmas, I wish you would let me know. Don't make it too complicated, I don't spell to good ya know.

Happiness is bright red holly berries.

Fur trappers in California marketed 74,000 pelts two years ago, most of them muskrats, valued at \$282,000.

California's desert valley grapefruit forecast remains at 3.7 million boxes, 9.7 per cent below last year's crop.

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Fruit Tramp . . .

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electorate. What better place for it to grow than in this town hall? And what better time to begin than now?

During my childhood. My family and I were fruit tramps (the term "migratory worker" having not yet been invented). We worked all over the state. And then we came to Porterville, and I found my own home town. I was accepted here, people cared, people respected me and believed in me. And not just in me, Mr. Mayor, but in many, many others, who now feel as I do.

Mr. Mayor, my statement tonight may not be an historic first, but then, it may be **UNIQUE**, in that I ask for nothing, nor do I come to give you advice on the conduct of your office. I only feel in my heart that I can no longer remain silent while continuing to receive the benefits of our community. I must express my love for it, and my deep admiration for those men and women who have in the past, and will in the future, shape our destiny and determine our welfare.

Mr. Mayor, I address not only you and your fellow councilmen, but those many capable, dedicated public servants who have preceded you. All the way back thru' the legions of names, to the first city council - and, Mr. Mayor, I would address myself also to those mayors and councilmen who will follow you, and who will benefit from your example, your integrity, your honesty, your diligence, your courage, and above all, your patience.

Our community has produced some great people of various talents - there is something different about Porterville - there is here a nutrient; a chemistry, if you will, that abounds, and from which our citizens cannot but benefit.

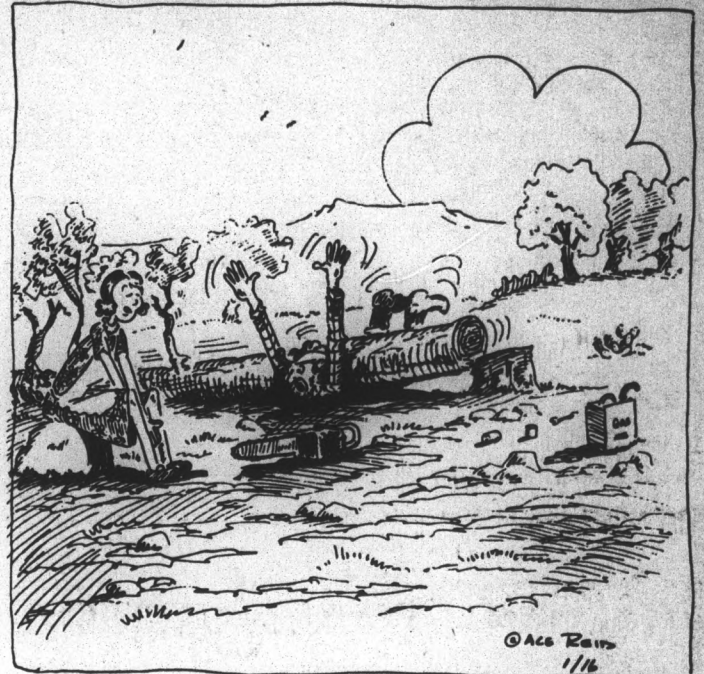
Our cultural and economic progress has not come about by accident. We have designed it and we have hammered it out in the forge of our democratic process. And we have elected - elected - our very best to represent us, and to hire and to supervise those who would manage our city, and thereby free us to enrich our own lives.

In closing I can only say, when you face loud opposition, remember, Mr. Mayor - Jamison stadium would not hold our numbers who quietly support you.

I thank you.
s/George E. Choate

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By Ace Reid



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Continued dry weather has aided harvest of remaining cotton, corn and milo in the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys.



CARM CARTER, right, of Regina, Canada, received the most valuable player award and the most outstanding defensive lineman award at Porterville college fall sports banquet, with Varsity Football Coach Don Kloppenburg shown presenting the award. Other awards went to Willie Manigo, of Savannah, Ga.,

most inspirational player and most outstanding offensive lineman; Preston Shires, of Porterville, most outstanding defensive back; Don Russell, of Oakland, most outstanding offensive back; and Dave Kavadas, of Porterville, most outstanding specialty team player.

Farm Equipment . . .

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of technology and management skills from developed to developing countries. Attendance will be limited, and advanced reservations must be made by calling the Tulare chamber of commerce at (209) 686-1547.

In addition, a group of foreign buyers and out-of-state exhibitors will culminate a reverse trade mission tour of the San Joaquin valley by visiting the California Farm Equipment show. Some of the countries represented will be: Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Iran, India, Mexico, Venezuela, and Columbia.

Sweden, Great Britain and Italy have joined Canada and Australia on the list of countries that will be sponsoring manufacturers from their countries at the 1977 show. In addition, dealers at the show will be exhibiting equipment from

France, New Zealand, Germany, Belgium, Japan, and Holland.

For the second year, an International Business Pavilion will be included in the Tulare Show. Sponsored by the San Joaquin Valley Export-Import association, it will hold domestic firms interested in assisting other domestic firms with their exporting needs. Firms who wish to be represented in the pavilion should contact Edward Simonson at AT&T, (209) 268-9011.

According to show manager Dan Johns, the three-day show is expected to attract more international visitors this year than ever before. Last year's show drew a record 114,000 visitors.

Nearly all sugar beets have been dug that were planted for 1976 harvest.

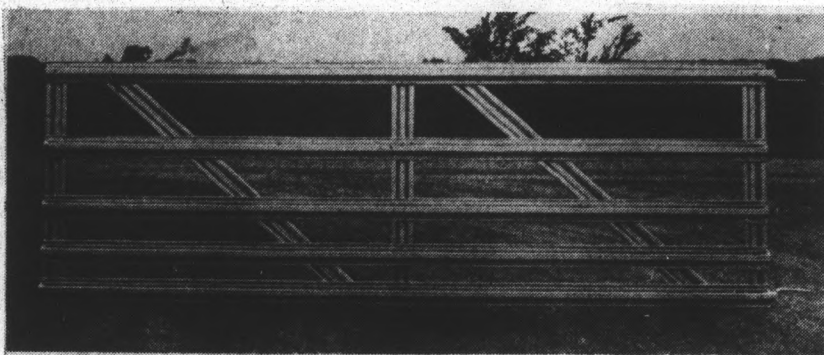
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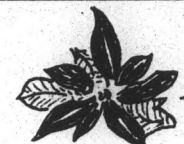
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